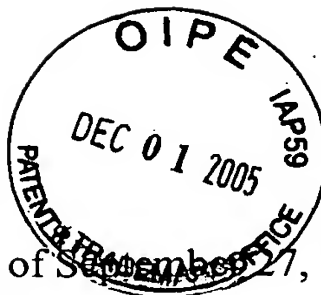


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: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2005, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. A Petition for One-Month Extension of Time accompanies this response, along with the requisite fee. Since November 27, 2005 fell on a Sunday, this Election with Traverse is timely filed.

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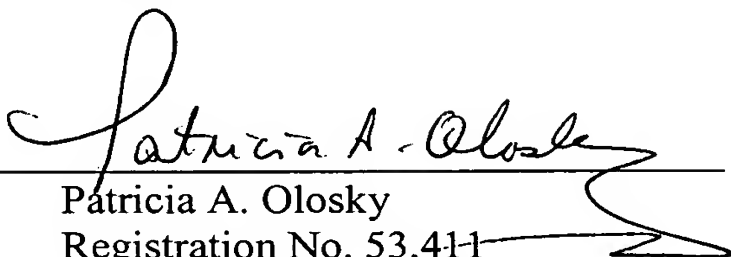
The Examiner states that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions, namely (a) Group I: claims 1-2, drawn to a hydrocarbon-reforming catalyst and (b) Group II: claims 3-4, drawn to a method of preparing a hydrocarbon-reforming catalyst. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement for the following reason.

Applicants respectfully assert that a search for the invention of Group I would be coextensive with that for the invention of Group II. Thus, there would be no undue burden on the Examiner if all claims were to be examined together.

However, in the event the Examiner maintains the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-2, without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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